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OVERWHELMING DEFEAT OF THE BULGARIAN ARMY

French, Russian and Serbian Columns on the Way to Monastir

Defenders Flee in Disorder After the Fall of Florina  
Serbians Are Victorious

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.—In Macedonia the French troops have captured Florina from the Bulgarians, who are reported to be retiring in disorder toward Monastir. In the Lake Ostrovo region Serbs have gained additional ground.

According to Reuters' Saloniki correspondent, the Bulgarians, in extending their line so far south as the region of Lake Ostrovo with limited forces, played a bold but dangerous game. Success would have compromised the whole entente allied line, but lack of success was bound to prove costly by jeopardizing the whole Bulgarian right.

The first wavering among the Bulgarians, says the dispatch, was caused by the unexpected pressure of the French and Russians on their extreme left flank, and the Serbians, profiting by this indecision, attacked energetically on the 12th and 13th.

At first the Serbian infantry made little impression on the well entrenched Bulgarians, but after a strong bombardment with high explosives the Serbians carried line after line of trenches, compelling the Bulgarians to abandon the whole of their advanced position along the Malkandize range.

The whole Bulgarian right wing fell back and the entente allies obtained command of the ranges dominating the Florina plain. An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company describes the latter phases of the concentration of the attack of Florina, which was carried out with the greatest secrecy. The contingents were divided into three parts in a converging movement to connect at Florina. The Russians started from Verria, southwest of Saloniki, and proceeded by forced marches. A French column was directed against the same objective, while the Serbians in the region of

Horovitz were ordered to repel the Bulgarians from the heights in the vicinity of Ekshisu and Hetrokou. The Bulgarians were decimated and fled, leaving everything behind. The road to Monastir, the dispatch adds, now is free and it is safe to predict that the entente allies will meet with little resistance in taking the town.

(By Associated Press.)

ATHENS, Sept. 19.—Bulgarians are beginning the evacuation of Monastir. It is reported that the Bulgarian archives have been hastily transported to Uskub.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Sept. 19.—Bulgarians on the Macedonian front made two counter attacks on the Serbians, but without success. Bulgarians and Germans have not attempted any counter action against the French capturing Florina.

DEFENSE OF BILLINGS IS NOW IN PROGRESS

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—The prosecution closed its case and the defense began the introduction of evidence in the case against Billings. On trial in the superior court on a charge of murder in connection with the preparedness bomb explosion, which resulted in the death of ten. Two witnesses were placed on the stand for the prosecution before the case close. Mrs. Belle Lavin, at whose home Billings lived, and who also was the landlady of the McNamara brothers, testified she accompanied Billings to a meeting held prior to the parade as a protest against the preparedness parade.

Frank Eggers, a jitney driver, testified that he picked up Billings the day of the explosion. He denied having talked about the explosion with Billings. The trial lawyers then turned the case to the defense. Maxwell McNuff, chief counsel, recalled James McDonald. Billings was not the man with the suitcase on the roof of the building at 727 Market street during the parade as charged by the prosecution, according to testimony introduced by the defense. Al De Cassia, of Oakland, testified he was the man on the roof and called down to friends. He declared he was the man photographed, not Billings. He is of similar build.

BLACKMAILERS WILL ESCAPE PUNISHMENT

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Four members of the band of blackmailers may escape prosecution, federal officials admitted. Mrs. Klipper, divorcee of Philadelphia, the government's chief witness, arrived under guard to appear against the prisoners. The government officials said they are confident she will identify Edward Donahue, Henry Russell and Mrs. Helen Evers as directors of the organization. Mrs. Klipper is the sole woman of scores of alleged victims of the syndicate who is willing to tell how she was fleeced.

Mrs. Klipper declares she was placed in a compromising situation in a hotel in New York by members of the band last January, when she was blackmailed out of about \$1000 and jewelry. Later she was kidnapped and held a prisoner in Montreal when she threatened prosecution. The federal authorities, it is learned, have been besieged by wealthy men and women claiming to have been victims who pleaded that their names be kept out of the case. They were given to understand, it is said, their names would not be revealed unless absolutely necessary to obtain convictions. A mass of letters, photographs and other instruments of blackmail found in the fashionable apartment house would not be revealed, the officials said. The charges against the three alleged blackmailers were dropped after a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Foote for lack of evidence. The released are Mrs. Frances Allen, Mrs. Edward Donahue and George Bland. The charges against the others were continued until Friday.

WILL CALL STRIKE ON NEXT THURSDAY

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Failure of negotiations being conducted by Mayor Mitchell to provide a basis of settlement of the traction strike in this city will result in a call Thursday for a sympathetic strike of approximately 700,000 workers, union leaders declared, after a conference between representatives of several crafts.

Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough, said the companies would refuse to confer further with the strikers.

Traffic on the subway and elevated lines continues normal and there is a noticeable improvement in surface car conditions.

Shonts informed the committee: "There is no strike on the Interborough." He asserted the company is "handling the situation without difficulty, thanks to 11,000 loyal men."

AMERICAN OPERATORS FEAR MEXICAN LAW

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—American corporations having idle mines in Mexico have appealed to the State department to protest against the new mining decree reported under consideration, which they declared might operate to confiscate their property.

WAR PROFITS ARE TAXED BY THE SWISS PEOPLE

(By Associated Press.)

BERNE, Sept. 19.—A special tax on war profits decreed by the federal council is 25 per cent of all profits realized since January 1, 1915.

UNION LEADER WARNS COURTS

(By Associated Press.)

JOPLIN, Mo., Sept. 19.—Three hundred delegates are here today to attend the 25th annual convention of the Missouri State Federation of Labor. They heard R. T. Wood, president, warn the courts of the United States not to interfere with the threatened railroad strike recently. He said the foundation of the United States supreme court may be shaken if the eight hour law is declared unconstitutional.

SCIENTISTS TAKE ALLEGIANCE OATH

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Twenty four of America's foremost scientists comprising the Navy department's civilian consulting board, headed by Edison, took the federal allegiance oath as officers of the federal government.

DEMOCRATS ASSEMBLE AT THE MINERS' HALL AT 11 O'CLOCK

Miners' Union hall was gaily decorated with the national tricolor when the county convention of the Democrats assembled this morning. Pat Mooney, chairman of the Democratic County Central committee, presided, and Mrs. Anna Owens as temporary secretary. The first number on the program was the rendition by Mrs. Arthur Neth of "Stars and Stripes Forever." She was accompanied by Fred Thomas on the piano. D. J. Fitzgerald placed Senator Thomas J. Bell in nomination for permanent chairman, seconded by Henry Schmidt and Ben Luce. Senator Bell was chosen by acclamation. The chairman made a brief but emphatic address, in which he enunciated his declaration of Democratic principles. He insisted that there be a fair, clean fight between, or among, the parties.

Con. Fidler was elected permanent secretary. The following committees were appointed: Credentials, Wm. Forman, Henry Schmidt, W. W. Fancher, Ed. Addison and Ben Luce; organization, Charles Wittenberg, K. D. Irvine, James Hafferton, Frank Kerns and R. M. Hampton; platform and resolutions, D. J. Fitzgerald, A. J. McPherson, F. O. Duke, Mrs. J. McLaughlin and Mrs. K. Dresser. Recess until 2 p. m. At the afternoon session of the Democratic convention Chas. L. Richards was appointed sergeant at arms and Ben Luce and Joe Gori tellers. Ben Luce nominated D. J. Fitzgerald for state senator and Joe Gori nominated H. C. Schmidt. The vote was Fitzgerald, 22; Schmidt, 24.

HUGHES PUNCTURES THE WILSON SPEECH

(By Associated Press.)

PEORIA, Sept. 19.—Hughes, in opening his second presidential campaign trip, in an address characterized the Democratic party as "a party of broken promises which now presents extravagant claims." He took point after point touched on in the president's speech of acceptance and declared "The Claims made therein were extravagant and nothing of the sort has been accomplished."

"I believe," said Hughes, "that credit should be given where credit is due, but I think it important that no man should claim to have done what he has not done."

RETALIATING ON BANKS OF MEXICO

(By Associated Press.)

NEW LONDON, Sept. 19.—The Mexican members of the Mexican-American joint commission admitted that the order leading to the closing of the National bank and the Bank of London and Mexico, in Mexico City, in a large measure was retaliatory. The order provided that the banks must show a metallic reserve sufficient to cover the issue of bank notes dollar for dollar.

BRITISH CAPTURE IMPORTANT WORK

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Along a one mile front the British have advanced another thousand yards and have captured a German fortified work known as the Quadrilateral which had previously resisted all their efforts. This operation is characterized by Gen. Haig, the British commander, as important and highly successful. It is indicative of the intention of the British commander to force the battle along the Somme front without cessation, the new advance being a continuation of the powerful movement undertaken by the British and French on Friday last.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO		
	1916	1915
5 a. m.	61	60
9 a. m.	66	67
12 noon	74	77
2 p. m.	76	79
Relative humidity at 2 p. m.		
today, 22 per cent.		

Primaries in New York Today Are Significant

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Candidates for United States senator and a complete state ticket will be nominated at the state wide primary today. Chief interest in the election apparently centers in whether the former leaders of the Progressive party will be able to swing the votes of a majority of the rank and file to Gov. Chas. S. Whitman, leading Republican candidate for governor. One wing of the party favors the election of Judge Samuel Seabury, whose candidacy for Governor on the Democratic ticket is unopposed.

National as well as state leaders of both parties are deeply interested in the outcome of the Progressive primary contest, for they believe it may

have an important bearing upon the outcome of the presidential campaign in New York. It is conceded by both sides that a majority of those who vote for Gov. Whitman in the primaries will support Chas. E. Hughes for president, while most of those who support Judge Seabury will vote for President Wilson.

The Democrats also have a contest for the senatorial nomination, but managers of the campaign of Wm. F. McCombs declare they do not take seriously the aspirations of Thos. F. Conway, of Plattsburg, a former lieutenant governor. The only opposition to Gov. Whitman's nomination within his own party came from former State Senator Wm. S. Bennet.

EVERY SEAT IN AIRDOME FILLED AND AUDIENCE GROWS ENTHUSIASTIC

Sharp at 11, the hour prescribed by law, the Republican convention for Nye county, Nevada, was called to order by the county chairman, H. R. Grier, with the county secretary, Alfred Boyle, at his desk.

The Airdome was bedecked with bunting and on the sounding board back of the platform was a sepia portrait of Justice Hughes, the Republican candidate for president, with flags interlaced above. The Tonopah Military band discoursed an overture, after which "The Star Spangled Banner" was played, the audience, numbering several hundred, standing.

Chairman Grier called for the roll and the secretary received replies from all but five, four of whom had sent proxies.

J. G. Cruikley nominated Hon. Mark R. Averill as chairman. H. D. King seconded and Richard Ernest moved the nominations closed. He was escorted to the platform and greeted enthusiastically. He briefly acknowledged the honor. Mr. Dowler nominated Miss Margaret V. Shields for secretary, seconded by Mrs. Schwebel. She was unanimously chosen.

The chair appointed H. C. Dowler sergeant at arms. Speeches in nomination, seconding and acceptance were limited to five minutes. On motion by Mr. Burnham all nominations were directed to be made by secret ballot. The two tellers chosen were H. D. King, of Tonopah, and R. H. Ernest, of Round Mountain.

Judge Mark R. Averill then addressed the convention. He said: "I came to this country fifteen years ago seeking employment, and the district has treated me kindly. He recalled his former experiences in Republican conventions in Nye county and related some amusing incidents. It gave him pleasure to note the women in the convention, and told of his favor of suffrage, narrating the widening of the human view, with its apex at the granting of suffrage to women. It is one of the great steps in the advancement of civilization. "Our duty," he said, "is to select the best people possible for office. There has been much talk about a business administration. The income of the county last year was \$200,000,

of which \$55,000 went to the state. Approximately \$100,000 was devoted to other than state and school purposes. Half of this sum went for salaries and only \$50,000 was left for business purposes. This sum justifies the selection of the proper sort of people to spend it. We need men of the highest standard, both as to character and intelligence."

The speaker said that the time has come for the fixing of a minimum wage and for child labor legislation. He favored the return to the direct primary, because it represents the will of the people.

Judge Averill then turned to national issues. One of the points made was that the Democratic party had pledged itself to a single term for the presidency. Referring to the Democratic cry that President Wilson has kept us out of war with Germany, the speaker told of the "bumcombe" in that connection, inasmuch as neither the army nor navy of Germany could at this time inflict injury upon the United States. Since Wilson has been in office the United States has expended \$300,000,000 on the border, with all the incidents of war without its declaration. Our present preparedness is due to popular demand by people of all parties. The speaker pointed out the "bumcombe" of the system of the administration in settling the railroad strike, something that is not settled, only deferred until the onus will fall upon the next administration. At the conclusion a recess was taken until 2 p. m.

The convention reassembled at 2 p. m. with the delegates seated on the main floor and the bleachers well filled with spectators.

The committee on credentials found 47 entitled to seats in the convention. The report was rendered by Chairman Read.

The committee on platform and resolutions reported, as otherwise published in this issue. A suggestion calling for a return to direct primaries was unanimously adopted. The two planks in favor of the high license liquor law, as suggested, were the subject of debate. On motion by Mr. Booth the first plank, opposing prohibition but favoring regulation, was adopted.

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GERMAN TRENCHES TAKEN BY STORM

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A heavy continuous rain has fallen during the last 24 hours on the Franco-Belgian front. The general situation remains unchanged. Northwest of Labasse the British entered enemy trenches in three places, capturing prisoners and machine guns, and inflicting many casualties. The British casualties were slight.

INCENDIARY PLOT FOUND IN CANADA

(By Associated Press.)

SARNIA, Ont., Sept. 19.—It is learned that agents of the Canadian government and private detectives are investigating an alleged plot to curtail Canada's winter food supply. Over 50 canneries in Ontario are operating under heavy guards and it is understood that even stricter methods will be considered. The alleged plot appears to be incendiary burning of canneries.

GREAT DAMAGE CAUSED BY DAM

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Many lives were lost and enormous damage caused near Gableon, Bohemia, by the bursting of a dam in the valley at Wieserdesse today. The villages of Desendorf, Tiefenbach, Tanwald, Schumburg, Schwarow, Grosshammer and Haratz were inundated. Ten bodies were recovered and identified.

10,000 ITALIANS TO BE DEPORTED

(By Associated Press.)

BERNE, Sept. 19.—Germany intends to expel 10,000 Italians in reprisal for the treatment of Germans in Italy. The Italians will be sent out of Germany in special trains by way of Switzerland. They include many women and children and old men of the poorer classes.

NEW RUSSIAN LOAN

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A new Russian war loan is proposed. The plan is to issue a new international 5 1/2 per cent ten year loan of three billion roubles, or \$1,500,000,000. The issue price is 95.

CHIEF DANGER ON THE EASTERN FRONT

(By Associated Press.)

BERNE, Sept. 19.—The Suddeutsche Zeitung states that the German great general staff has been moved from the western front to the eastern front. Since his appointment Von Hindenburg, the chief of staff, has desired to leave France and Belgium with sufficient men to hold the line, to devote his energies to the east. He is credited with the belief that on this front the first conclusive victories must be won. Last week he returned from France to the Eastern front.

PRIVATE KILLED BY A GUARDSMAN

(By Associated Press.)

LAREDO, Texas, Sept. 19.—Private John Cline, company B, second Missouri, was shot and killed by a military guard at Dolores as a result of an altercation with a guard. Lieut. Zullum ordered Cline arrested. The latter became enraged and leveled his rifle at Zullum, whereupon the guard fired, according to the authorities.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The engagement is announced of Miss Mae O'Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix O'Neill, of Denver, and Frank P. Dunn, of Tonopah. The wedding will probably take place during the Christmas holidays. Miss O'Neill was born and reared in Denver and has been very popular in the younger set ever since her school days. She was educated in Sacred Heart Parish school, and later attended Mount St. Scholastica academy in Canyon City, Colo., where she took a special course in music.

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PICTURES THAT AMUSE AND NOT OFFEND

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